

ND crushes Southside; DeSales, McQuaid win

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Notre Dame opened its season with a win almost two weeks ago, but last weekend marked the start of the high school season for the other four diocesan high school football teams.

And even though three out of five diocesan grid teams racked up wins, injuries to key players led to subdued victory celebrations.

After a 14-13 loss early last season, Notre Dame's Crusaders didn't let Southside High School upset them again. Instead, the host Crusaders wiped out the Green Hornets, 34-8, in their second blowout win of the season in Section 4 football action on Sept. 14.

Geoff Woodworth started the scoring with a 31-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Pat Palmer's successful kick gave the Crusaders an early 7-0 lead. In the second quarter, Brian Sheehan caught quarterback Bryan Woodworth's four-yard touchdown pass. Palmer's kick made the score 14-0.

The Crusaders continued their scoring in the third quarter when Geoff Woodworth scored on a 30-yard touchdown pass from his brother Bryan. Palmer was perfect on the extra-point, giving ND a comfortable 21-0 bulge.

After the first quarter, Jason Creswell took over for ND's leading-rusher Mike Bennett. The ND back only played defense most of the night because of thigh and ankle injuries. Creswell scored on a nine-yard run in the third quarter, but Palmer's fourth PAT of the game was blocked by the Hornets.

The final touchdown for Notre Dame came when Pat Palmer broke away from Southside defenders and ran 87 yards for a score. Palmer added his fourth point-after to increase ND's lead to 34-0.

Palmer finished the game with four carries for 99 yards. He now has played a part in 21 points this season with his two touchdowns and nine conversion kicks.

Southside avoided being shutout when Mike Robyck scored on an 11-yard touchdown in the waning moments of the game. Jason Warfe ran for the two-point conversion to provide the final margin of 34-8.

Notre Dame coach Mike D'Aloisio said his offensive line did a good job, and his defensive line dominated. He noted that in the first two games of the season, opponents were only able to score late in the game off of Crusaders' reserves.

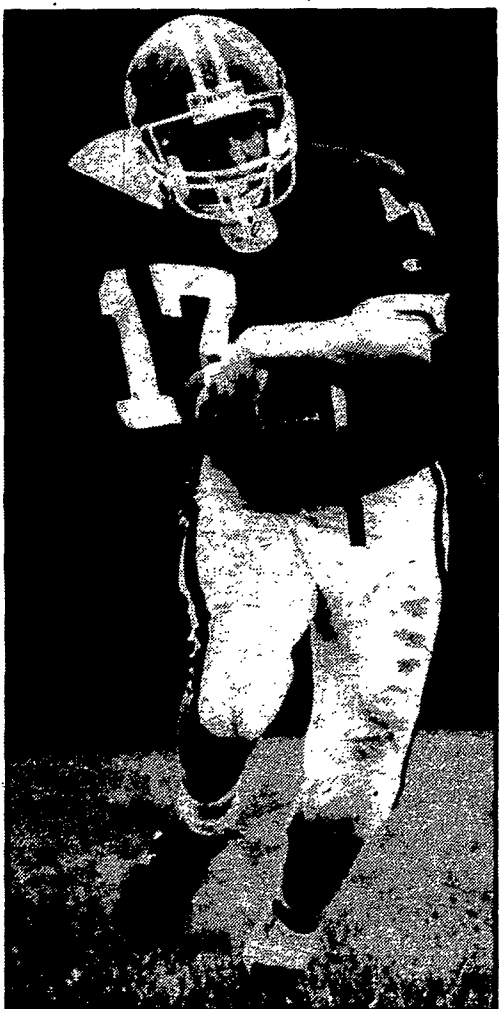
"Our kids got banged up, but they were able to put the dings aside and suck it up," D'Aloisio said.

The Crusaders will try to keep their perfect season going when they travel to Susquehanna Valley this Saturday, Sept. 22.

In Section 5 action, visiting DeSales (Class D) trampled Mynderse Academy (Class B), 26-7, by taking advantage of key mistakes early in the first quarter of the Sept. 14 game.



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Aquinas running back Kareem Patterson tries to slice between East High's Charles Banks (right) and Tyrone Fisher.



AQ's Jim Fisher appears to be one-armed after escaping an East defender.

DeSales' Jim McDermott began the scoring with a six-yard touchdown run. John O'Neil added the extra point for a 7-0 lead. Later in the first quarter, a touchdown pass from Frank Pane to Joe Vedora resulted in another touchdown, but the extra point was blocked.

The score remained 13-0 until Mynderse got on the board with a touchdown in the third quarter. A successful conversion trimmed the DeSales lead to 13-7.

The backbreaker for Mynderse occurred in the fourth quarter when McDermott ran the ball 90 yards to the two-yard line, and John Conner scored on the next play.

After an offensive drive by Mynderse stalled on the three-yard line, the Saints drove the ball 97 yards for another Conner touchdown.

DeSales hosts Red Jacket, a team the Saints have beaten only once in the last 10 years, this Saturday, Sept. 22.

McQuaid Jesuit began its season at home as the Knights held off Franklin, 14-6, in a City-Catholic League game on Sept. 15.

McQuaid quarterback Greg Paro scored early in the first quarter on a five-yard run. Rob Warren's successful kick made the score 7-0.

Franklin gambled on a fourth-and-goal situation in the second quarter, and it paid off when the Quaker quarterback scrambled 11 yards for a score. The kick was no good so the score remained 7-6.

Two minutes into the second half, the Knights were able to stop Franklin at the

10-yard line. The play turned out to be significant later on in the game.

Early in the third quarter, Paro twisted his knee and left the field in an ambulance. Second-string quarterback Christian Klein took over the Knights' offense and put together a 70-yard scoring drive. Klein threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Horatio Cummings, and Warren added the extra point to make the score 14-6.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Franklin was threatening again with first and goal at the five-yard line, but McQuaid's defense did not bend and the threat went by the scorebook.

Coach Tom Sprague was pleased with his defense, especially Alton Turner, Paul Scanlon, Rich Benitez, Stan Gutowski, Chris Miller and Horatio Cummings.

In their Sept. 22 game, the Knights will host Marshall, which was beaten by Livonia, 26-6, on Sept. 15.

Kearney coach Nick Teta and his Kings had a rough opener as visiting Wilson defeated the Kings 22-7 on Sept. 15.

Neither team scored until late in the second quarter when Mark Tytler scored a touchdown for Bishop Kearney on a four-yard run.

But Wilson's Luis Rodriguez returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown. William Banks added a 60-yard touchdown for Wilson in the third stanza, and the Wildcats added another touchdown in the last quarter to provide the final score.

In addition to the loss to Wilson, Teta said his team suffered yet another loss when Rene Ingoglia sustained a shoulder injury in the first set of plays and sat out the rest of the game.

The Kings will try to turn things around when they play at Gloversville this Saturday, Sept. 22.

Aquinas' defense made some costly mistakes as the Little Irish handed visiting East a 22-7 win in City-Catholic League play on Sept. 15.

AQ squandered two opportunities to get on the scoreboard in the first quarter, according to coach Bob D'Ettore.

Late in the first quarter, the Little Irish muffed a field-goal attempt when the snap went through the holder's hands.

The Orientals' offense began to move the ball in the second quarter as East scored two touchdowns. The first TD was scored on the ground and the second through the air. The second score came with two minutes left in the first half when AQ's pass coverage broke down.

The Little Irish got on the scoreboard in the third quarter when they drove the ball 80 yards for a score. The drive culminated with a six-yard touchdown run by Kareem Patterson.

But any hopes of an AQ comeback were dashed when East scored on a 96-yard touchdown run.

Aquinas will try to even their record this Saturday, Sept. 22, when they host a strong Clyde-Savannah team.

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Adamo scored another.

Although the Kings outshot Irondequoit 11-10 in the first round of the Bishop Kearney Tournament on Sept. 15, the Indians didn't allow the Kings to score during a 2-0 win. The tourney will resume on Monday, Sept. 24.

Coach Leo Teerlinck said his team appears to be coming into its own. He cited D'Agostino, center-midfielder Mandy Darlak, outside back Beth Maring and sweeper Melanie Sztanko for doing a respectable job.

Freshman keeper Jenny Vito has played every game for BK. "There have been a few mistakes, but she's learning,"

Teerlinck said.

Tournament titans

The Little Irish have racked up one tournament victory and one other win in their first two weeks of play, largely due to striker Michelle Khuns, left wing Messuro and Marcy Meagher.

In what AQ first-year coach Gary Page called "a big loss," the Little Irish were routed by Mercy, 8-4, in their regular-season opener.

Then in the opening round of the Brockport Tournament on Sept. 7, Meagher scored the lone goal for Aquinas in a 2-1 loss to Pittsford Sutherland. In the consolation round on Sept. 8, AQ defeated Honeoye Falls-Lima, 3-1, after two goals by Messuro and one from Meagher.

The Little Irish improved their record to

3-2 at the Clarence Tournament, Sept. 14 and 15. In the first round, AQ shutout Orchard Park, 7-0. Khuns started in goal, but was later moved up to striker. The switch paid off for Page as Khuns scored twice. Meagher also played a vital role in the win with two goals.

In the tourney's championship game, the Aquinas girls registered their second consecutive shutout by beating Clarence, 2-0. Messuro and Meagher both scored, and Khuns recorded the shutout.

Inexperienced Saints

After just three games, DeSales (0-3) is feeling the effects of fielding such a young team this year. With only two seniors and two juniors on the roster, coach Greg Lavin said his team is more like a JV squad rather than a varsity.

Waterloo handed the Saints their first loss, 10-2, on Sept. 7. Although Danielle Boncaro and Krista Devaney were able to get one goal each for the Saints, the Indians walked to the win.

The next disappointment for DeSales came in a 5-0 shutout at Romulus on Sept. 11. The Saints' most recent loss occurred to host Naples, 7-1, on Sept. 13. Center halfback Megan Jenkins scored the only goal for DeSales.

Coach Lavin said that Romulus and Naples were two of the better teams in the league. "We definitely improved in the Naples game," Lavin said.

The DeSales coach said his team is developing a short-passing game, and his players are gaining valuable experience.

"We're in the process of building our program," he said.